

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2008. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.